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## Florida

Farmers responding to Florida Agricultural Statistics Service's August Yield Survey forecasted that Florida's cotton, peanut, potato, and sugarcane crops will be larger than last year's crop. June and July's rainfall was very beneficial to the development of the crops. By August, the crops were thriving in fields with mostly adequate topsoil moisture.

**Cotton:** Florida's cotton crop is forecasted at 200 thousand bales, up from 183 thousand bales the previous year. Producers anticipate harvesting 112 thousand acres and producing 857 pounds of cotton per acre. This compares with 118 thousand acres and 744 pounds per acre of cotton produced in 2011.

**Peanuts:** Florida's peanut producers expect to produce 684 million pounds of peanuts compared to 549.5 million pounds produced in 2011. Producers anticipate harvesting 180 thousand acres with an average yield of 3,800 pounds per acre. This compares with 157 acres and 3,500 pounds per acre harvested in 2011.

**Sugarcane:** Florida's sugarcane producers anticipate producing 15,457 thousand tons of sugarcane compared to 15,085 thousand tons produced in 2011. Producers expect to harvest 410 thousand acres with an average yield of 37.7 tons per acres. This compares with 397 thousand acres and 38.0 tons per acre produced in 2011.

**Potatoes:** Florida's potato producers harvested 9,438 thousand hundredweight (cwt) from 36.3 thousand acres for an average yield of 260 cwt per acre. This compares with 9,112 thousand cwt from 35.6 thousand acres and a 256 cwt yield produced in 2011.

## United States

**Cotton:** All cotton production is forecast at 17.7 million 480-pound bales, up 13 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 784 pounds per harvested acre, down 6 pounds from last year. Upland cotton production is forecast at 17.0 million 480-pound bales, up 15 percent from 2011. Pima cotton production, forecast at 663,000 bales, is down 22 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 10.8 million acres of all cotton, up 14 percent from 2011. This harvested total includes 10.6 million acres of Upland cotton and 233,400 acres of Pima cotton.

**Alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures:** Production is forecast at 54.9 million tons, down 16 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1953. Based on August 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 2.92 tons per acre, down 0.48 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 18.8 million acres, unchanged from June but down 2 percent from 2011.

**Other hay:** Production of other hay is forecast at 65.4 million tons, down less than 1 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1990. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.69 tons per acre, down 0.12 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 38.8 million acres, unchanged from June but up 6 percent from last year.

**Peanuts:** Production is forecast at 5.29 billion pounds, up 46 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.49 million acres, unchanged from June but 35 percent higher than 2011. Based on conditions as of August 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 3,562 pounds per acre, up 249 pounds from last year.

**Corn:** Production is forecast at 10.8 billion bushels, down 13 percent from 2011 and the lowest production since 2006. Based on conditions as of August 1, yields are expected to average 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from 2011. If realized, this will be the lowest average yield since 1995. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 87.4 million acres, down 2 percent from the June forecast but up 4 percent from 2011.

**Soybeans:** Production is forecast at 2.69 billion bushels, down 12 percent from last year. Based on August 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 36.1 bushels per acre, down 5.4 bushels from last year. If realized, the average yield will be the lowest since 2003. Area for harvest is forecast at 74.6 million acres, down 1 percent from June but up 1 percent from 2011.

**Sugarcane:** Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2012 is forecast at 31.4 million tons, up 7 percent from last year. Producers intend to harvest 891,000 acres for sugar and seed during the 2012 crop year, up 18,400 acres from last year. Expected yield for sugar and seed is forecast at 35.2 tons per acre, up 1.5 tons from 2011.

**Winter wheat:** Production is forecast at 1.68 billion bushels, up 1 percent from July and up 13 percent from 2011. Based on August 1 conditions, the United States yield is forecast at a record high 48.0 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushel from last month and 1.8 bushels higher than last year. The area expected to be harvested for grain or seed totals 35.0 million acres, unchanged from last month but up 8 percent from last year.

Crop Production: Acreage for Harvest and Forecasts of Yield and Production for Florida and United States as of August 1, 2012 with Comparisons

[Data are the latest estimates available, either from the current report or from previous reports. Current year estimates are for the full 2012 crop year. Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun.]

Crop	Harvested acreage		Yield per acre		Unit	Production	
	2011	For harvest 2012	2011	Indicated 2012		2011	Indicated 2012
	(thousands)	(thousands)				(thousands)	(thousands)
<b>Florida</b>							
Cotton <sup>1</sup> .....	118.0	112.0	744.0	857.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	183.0	200.0
Peanuts.....	157.0	180.0	3,500.0	3,800.0	pounds	549,500.0	684,000.0
Potatoes:							
Spring.....	35.6	36.3	256.0	260.0	cwt	9,112.0	9,438.0
Sugarcane.....	397.0	410.0	38.0	37.7	net tons	15,085.0	15,457.0
<b>United States</b>							
Corn for Grain .....	83,981.0	87,361.0	147.2	123.4	bushels	12,358,412.0	10,778,589.0
Cotton, All <sup>1</sup> .....	9,460.9	10,810.4	790.0	784.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	15,573.2	17,651.0
Hay, Alfalfa.....	19,213.0	18,812.0	3.40	2.92	tons	65,332.0	54,895.0
Hay, All Other.....	36,420.0	38,862.0	1.81	1.69	tons	65,812.0	65,448.0
Peanuts for Nuts .....	1,097.6	1,486.0	3,313.0	3,562.0	pounds	3,636,320.0	5,292,900.0
Potatoes:							
Spring.....	91.5	96.1	279.0	289.0	cwt	25,573.0	27,740.0
Summer.....	46.0	47.5	282.0	342.0	cwt	12,960.0	16,261.0
Fall .....	939.2	990.8	414.0		cwt	388,873.0	
Rice .....	2,618.0	2,640.0	7,067.0	7,196.0	( <sup>2</sup> )	185,009.0	189,972.0
Sorghum for Grain.....	3,929.0	5,098.0	54.6	48.6	bushels	214,443.0	247,627.0
Soybeans for Beans.....	73,636.0	74,635.0	41.5	36.1	bushels	3,056,032.0	2,692,014.0
Sugarbeets.....	1,213.1	1,215.5	23.8	29.1	tons	28,828.0	35,336.0
Sugarcane for Sugar and Seed .....	872.6	891.0	33.7	35.2	net tons	29,383.0	31,359.0
Sweet Potatoes.....	129.7	128.5	208.0		cwt	26,964.0	
Tobacco, All .....	325.0	323.3	1,841.0	2,187.0	pounds	598,320.0	707,030.0
Wheat:							
Winter.....	32,314.0	35,023.0	46.2	48.0	bushels	1,493,677.0	1,682,726.0
Durum.....	1,312.0	2,122.0	38.5	40.5	bushels	50,482.0	86,010.0
Other Spring .....	12,079.0	11,681.0	37.7	42.8	bushels	455,188.0	499,510.0

<sup>1</sup> Production ginned and to be ginned. Yield in pounds, production in 480 pound net weight bales.

<sup>2</sup>Yield in pounds, production in hundredweight. Includes sweet rice production.